

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

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1. (currently amended) A fireplace for simulating a natural fire, comprising:

a front panel; and

a flame simulation apparatus including:

a flame element directly viewable through the front panel ~~and coupled to a device that alters the position of the flame element;~~

a moving means coupled to the flame element and configured to move the flame element from a fixed position, the moving means being adjustable about a vertical axis to move the flame element; and

a blower configured to provide moving air that alters a position of the flame element.

2. (currently amended) The fireplace of claim 1, wherein the ~~device comprises a blower positioned~~ is arranged and configured to blow air upon and the flame element to alter the position of the flame element.

3. (currently amended) The fireplace of claim 1, wherein the ~~device comprises a moving means for moving the flame element from a fixed position~~ the blower is positioned vertically below the flame element.

4. (withdrawn) The fireplace of ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the moving means comprises an electric motor coupled to a drive pulley and a drive belt coupling the drive pulley to an idler pulley; and wherein the flame element is coupled to the idler pulley to produce rotary motion of the flame element.

5. (currently amended) The fireplace of claim 1, wherein the ~~device comprises a blower coupled to the flame element to alter the position of the flame element; and~~